

*In Loving Memory
of
Marie A. Bagby*

Sunrise: AUGUST 31, 1925 - Sunset: APRIL 12, 2003



Thursday, April 17, 2003
10:00 A.M.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo

Clinton Avenue and Van Ness Place
Newark, New Jersey

FATHER ANSELM NWAORGU, Officiating

MARIE, the beloved, devoted, and only child of the late Wilhemina and Benjamin Anderson, was born on August 31, 1925, and resided in Newark, New Jersey her entire life. A product of the Newark public schools, Marie graduated from Central High School 1942. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education and her Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from New York University, and completed postgraduate studies in Student Personnel Services, and Supervision and Administration at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. For seventeen years, she taught Gregg stenography and typing for the Evening High Schools of New York City, at Washington Irving, Charles Evans Hughes High Schools. She also taught two summers at the Newark campus of Rutgers School of Education.

Marie was one of the first Black teachers employed by the Newark Board of Education, she began in 1946 as a Teacher of the Handicapped at Girls Trade School. She became a Guidance Counselor, then Vice-Principal at Barringer High School, and became a Principal there in 1978. She was Principal of the following high schools, West Side (1975-78) and University (1986-90). Marie never missed a school's football game unless it was canceled. She retired in 1991.

In addition to her professional workload, Marie found time to discharge her civic and religious duties. For many years she was the organist for both Bethany Baptist, and Pilgrim Baptist churches in Newark. She was a member of St. Michael's Hospital Advisory Board, the New Jersey Supreme Court Ethics Committee, the Newark Archdiocese Affirmative Action Committee, the Newark Principal Association's Executive Board, the Essex County Retired Educators' Association (Life Member), and the City Administrators/ Supervisors Association (Recording Secretary).

After retirement, Marie remained active in her church and community as a member of the following organizations: Phi Delta Kappa National Sorority - Alpha Chapter (Treasurer;) the Women's League of New Jersey, Inc. (Corresponding Secretary), the Credit Committee of the Newark Board of Education Credit Union, and the Four Seasons Club (Treasurer). She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and its Rosary Society (President, Secretary, and Lector), and volunteered on Mondays at the Rectory for the past two years.

Marie's long and productive career teaching and counseling, and her avocation mentoring, encouraging, and enabling youth to use education in pursuit of higher and better opportunities has touched and improved many lives. She will be missed.

She leaves her cousins, Mildred Roberts, Elizabeth Yarbrough and her children, Damon, Caleb and Tsani Merriweather; lifelong buddies, Roscoe Colson, Emily Smith and Ruth Ray; dear friends, Mary Atkinson, Ida Stroud and Joseph Yeadon; and a wealth of extended family and friends to cherish her memory and treasure her life's devotion to service.

Order of Service

WELCOME AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

PROCESSIONAL: "There Is a Balm In Gilead" (LMGM 157)

OPENING PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

SCRIPTURE READING I: Job 19:1, 23-27 Tsani Merriweather

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23 Alice Williams

SCRIPTURE READING I: ROMANS 14:7-9, 10B-12 Mary F. Brown

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 6-37-40

WORDS OF RESURRECTION AND CONSOLATION

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER

PRESENTATION HYMN: "Give Me a Clean Heart" (LMGM 279)

GIFT BEARERS: ROSARIANS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE

COMMUNION HYMN: *Soft Music*

MEDITATION HYMN: "It Is Well with My Soul" (LMGM 256)

OBITUARY: *Read Silently*

FINAL COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Soon and Very Soon" (LMGM 4)

INTERMENT: Rosemount Cemetery, Newark, New Jersey

Pallbearers

STEPHEN COLSON
CLAUDE BEY
ROY WILLIAMS

ISSA COLSON
MIKEL COLSON
ISADORE TRONCHIN



Your Best Friend

*If I have to be your best friend
If that's all I can get
Then I'll take the job with honor
I'll be the best one yet
I'll offer you my shoulder
I'll show how I care
I'll be there when you need me
I'm not going anywhere.
If I have to be your best friend
The one who hears you cry
Then I'll take the job with honor
I'll take the job with pride.
My love for you is stronger
Then you will ever know
But for you to ever love me
I will have to let you go.
You need time to find your purpose
You need time to sort your thoughts
But when the course has ended
And the race is finally run
Remember it's your best friend
Who has loved you from day one.*

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express their appreciation
and sincere thanks for your thoughts, prayers and
acts of kindness during their time of sorrow.

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Marie Bagby
to the Blessed Sacrament Rosary Society Scholarship Fund.*

"A Service That Is Always Remembered"

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